

H96DA Minutes

September 20, 2007

Director Attendees: Dr. William Long, Charlie Harts, Harold Forrister, Elliott Richardson, Ruth Forrest, Steve Turner and Paul Johnson.

Guest: Donna Wells

Dr. William Long called the meeting to order.
Steve Turner opened with an invocation.

Minutes

Motion to accept minutes from the August, 2007 meeting was made by Steve Turner and seconded by Elliott Richardson.

Treasurers Report

Paul Johnson noted there were no expenses from the petty cash fund since the August, 2007 meeting. Johnson presented a detailed financial statement for the grants checking and money market accounts. Johnson noted that the accountability of the Visitor's Center Funds were to be controlled by the Greenwood County Finance Department. All invoices are to be submitted by Joe Prothro, of DSP, to GWD County Finance Department. The State Budget and Control Board matching grant funds for the new Visitor's Center are in a Sun Trust money market account and disbursement accountability is by the H96DA.

Steve Turner asked about costs regarding change orders at the Depot. Charlie Harts responded that they were door closures and redoing the front steps.

Visitors & Heritage Center

Dr. Long asked for comments from Steve Turner or Elliott Richardson concerning Accommodations tax from Greenwood County. Turner commented he had requested that the A Tax be a line item in the 2008 Town budget for the H96DA in the amount of \$3,500.

Turner noted the Council had voted to give \$10,000 toward the 96 Revitalization Plan. Turner stated that only one (1) Councilman had negative concerns about the new Visitor's Center. However, he felt that having Joe Prothro present the plans to the Council had a positive impact.

Chairman's Report

Dr. Long asked for a month's delay in reviewing the H96DA By Laws.

Revitalization

Donna Wells stated just as soon as the contract was received and reviewed by Doug Bell, the Chamber would sign it and return it to the Clemson Research Group.

Coordinator's Report

Depot Project-

Charlie Harts reported the sound system still needed to be installed in the Depot. He also expressed concerns about the floor finish needed to be a satin finish and not gloss. The floors were expected to be finished the following week. Paul Johnson mentioned that new underlayment would be necessary in the utility room where the sound system would be located. Charlie Harts stated that new floor covering would be installed in the kitchen and utility room. Steve Turner noted that the Mayor was suppose to contact the Tool Company about damage to the pad in front of the Depot.

Executive Session

No notes were taken.

Visitor's Center Project-

Charlie Harts reported that Unireal had met with Joe Chandler. All permits had been taken care of and a meeting of all interested parties would take place prior to construction. The old Visitor's Center will be vacated by Friday, September 21. There will not be a demolition ceremony with the demolition scheduled for the following week. However, a groundbreaking ceremony is being planned.

Elliott Richardson questioned decision to salvage new door and window. Paul Johnson motioned that the demolition of door and window be approved per Joe Prothro's Recommendation. Harold Forister seconded.

Harts noted that a grant in the amount of \$50,000 was being considered from the Self Family Foundation for displays for the Visitor's Center.

Interior Design/Decorators suggested for the new Visitor's Center were Harriet Brothers and Sylvia Kinard.

Executive Session

No notes taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wells